decision taken in November, 1986, to implement the project as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The Tehri Dam Project is to be completed as scheduled, by June 1997.

Shortage of power in northern States

632. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern States in the country as well as Delhi, experienced severe power shortage in recent weeks;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such shortages; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the power supply position in the region ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) :(a) and (b) The Statewise details of the power shortage in the Northern Region, including Delhi during the period April, 1989 to February, 1990 are given in Statement.

Due to severe cold conditions and failure of rains, the demand for power had increased substantially in the Northern Region during the last Winter season. This necessitated load shedding during peak hours to contain the demand within the availability.

(c) A number of measures have been taken to ensure adequate availability of power in this Northern Region. These include expeding commissioning of new generating capacities, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existingpower stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures, arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas, intensive monitoring of the grid operations and coordination of power supply position in the region, etc.

Statement

Power shortage in the Northern Region

(April, 1989—February, 1990)

State/UTs	Shortage (%)
1. Delhi	1·6
2. Haryana	5·3
3. Jammu and Kashmir	12·1
4. Punjab including NFF	9.4
5. Rajasthan	3·0
6. Uttar Pradesh	10.6
7. Himachal Pradesh	Nil
8. Chandigarh	Nil

Flaring of gas in Bombay High

633. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether natural gas worth crores of rupees is being burnt in Bombay High because of inadequate distributuon system;

(b) if so, in which manner Government propose to utilise this gas;

(c) whether there is any plan to carry this gas to the Southern States; if so, what are the outlines thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to provide 'comprehensive gas supply' to Delhi, Bombay and other metropolitan cities to ensure comfortable LPG supply in these cities ?